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WORLD WHEAT AGREEMENT IS ENDORSED AT PARIS

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EASTERN WEATHER QUITE FAVORABLE; PROGRESS IN WEST

Nine Million Dollar Plan for Reclamation of Farm Lands in Maritimes

EFFECT BUTTER FLOOR PRICE

Production of Seeds in Canada Passes Peak—Export Trade on Moderate Scale

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)
By M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery

OTTAWA, June 2nd—The late spring and the floods in the Prairie Provinces will mean a higher acreage of seeding of coarse grains. Canadian farmers have intended to follow the seeding blueprint recommended at the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference of December last. It was intended to reduce wheat-sown acreage by two per cent from the 24.3 million acres of 1947, but the reduction is likely now to be greater. The first report on acreage intentions shows that the area sown to oats will be 7 per cent greater than in 1947. There will be little change in barley acreage, as increases in Eastern Canada will be offset by reductions in the West.

Note Feed Shortage Relieved

Last year seeding was so long delayed in Eastern Canada that all forms of grain suffered, aggravating the feed grain shortage. In the case of rye, mostly fall sown, there has been a 33 per cent increase. From the general picture it is apparent that the feed shortage which has been so acute will be considerably relieved, with anything like normal crops.

On the other hand the prospects seem fairly bright for the wheat crops in Europe. There is likely to be a less acute demand for wheat by these countries this coming fall and winter. If, therefore, there is some reduction in wheat and an increase in coarse grains in this country, it will fit fairly well into the domestic and international trade situation. Flaxseed acreage, it is stated, is eight per cent over 1947, and potato seeding up three per cent.

Eastern Conditions Favorable

In Eastern Canada the weather conditions, although it has been fairly cool, have been quite favorable for agriculture. Cattle are out on pasture, and the butter shortage is disappearing. Farmers are optimistic over the prospect of a distinct improvement in feed grain supplies in the coming months. The telegraphic reports on crop conditions which come to the Bureau of Statistics from the Prairie Provinces indicate that with warmer weather, clear skies and drying winds seeding conditions have become almost ideal and "excellent progress" is being made particularly in Southern areas. Despite the drawback from late seeding in the West, and flood conditions still so acute in British Columbia, the

Sister of Last Czar to Farm in Canada



With her husband, Col. Nikolaj Aleksandrovitch Kulivotsky, and two sons, the sister of the last of the Russian Czars, Nicholas II, will arrive in Canada on June 6th, to take up land in some part of the Dominion not yet decided upon. She continues to use her title, the Grand Duchess Olga. The family have been living in Denmark since 1919. H. C. P. Cresswell, chief commissioner of immigration and colonization for the C.P.R., announces that the colonel and his two sons have acquired extensive agricultural experience. The colonel, grand duchess and niece Zenia are seen in the picture.

New High Record Average Price for Holsteins

The average of \$467 for 58 head sold at the all-Eastern Ontario Holstein sale recently established a new high record. Top price was \$850 for a yearling bull bought by a Brazilian.

general picture for Canadian agriculture is at the present stage far from discouraging.

The export of dairy cattle from Canada to the United States has practically doubled in the past few months. From January 1st to May 27th this year the number exported has been 33,768 compared with 17,902 in the same period of 1947. The number shipped in the week ending May 27th was 3,056 compared with 1,549 in the same week of 1947.

Reclaiming Maritime Farm Lands

The House of Commons is now in the course of passing a bill for the reclamation of 80,000 acres of farm lands in the Maritime Provinces. This land is now unfit for cultivation, as it is invaded twice daily by sea tides. Early settlers built dykes, but these have long been left unrepaired, and are practically useless.

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International Co-op Plans to Establish Refineries Both Sides of Atlantic

NEW YORK. — Twenty-four national co-operative organizations in nineteen countries are at present members of International Co-operative Petroleum Association (I.C.P.A.), with head offices in New York. The Association has an authorized capital of \$15,000,000, and plans to acquire refineries on both sides of the Atlantic and later to embark on every phase of the petroleum industry.

CUT POWER RATES

The Saskatchewan Power Commission has recently made the fourth cut in power rates (effective June 1st) since 1944. Consolidation of various power units throughout the Province has made the reductions possible, in spite of increased operating costs, it is stated.

Work has begun on a new television station, near Birmingham, Eng. It will have a range of 50 miles and will serve some 6,000,000 people. It will be twice as powerful as the present transmitter in London.

WORLD FARMERS' ORGANIZATION TO MEET HERE IN '49

Canadian Farmers to Be Hosts to International Federation Agricultural Producers

CONFERENCE ENDS

World Wheat Agreement "Provides Guarantee of Stability Until 1953"

PARIS, France, June 1st—Canada's organized farmers will have the honor of being hosts to the next annual conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, it was decided at the close of the sessions here. The part of Canada in which this important world gathering will be held has still to be determined.

The Conference endorsed the far-reaching and unanimous decision of its "working party" on the International Wheat Agreement, that all the Governments of all the countries concerned should now ratify the terms of this agreement which has been vigorously demanded by the IFAP since its inception. The "working party" reported: "The Agreement provides a guarantee of stability of prices until 1953 which will help producers and consumers alike. The working party also looked ahead to the time when the agreement expires, when the reconstruction of the agriculture of many countries will, it is hoped, have been completed; the question then may be one of finding new outlets for wheat."

Strong Note of Achievement

Information received by Secretary James R. McFall from President Roy Marler of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, from Paris, showed that President James Turner of the I.F.A.P. (who is also President of the British farm organization), expressed satisfaction that the Conference had closed on "a strong note of achievement," and added, "From this point we enter upon a year of executive work with mandates covering some of the most complicated and politically delicate problems in the field of international discussion." (Comment on Page 4)

(Note: The brief submitted to the International Conference in Paris by the Canadian delegation headed by President H. H. Hannam of the C.F.A. is published elsewhere in this issue.)

Three Types of Field Days

Demonstrations of weed sprayers and dusters, farm tillage machinery field days and one-way disc tillage competitions will be the three types of field days in the series to be conducted throughout Alberta, by the Extension Service of the Alberta Department of Agriculture. The series began at Grande Prairie on May 28th.

REDEEM GOVERNMENT STOCK

Early in the year, thirty-one of the 504 production credit associations in the U.S. had retired their Government-owned stock and were therefore completely the property of their member-borrowers.

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REORGANIZE DANISH DAIRY CO-OPS

Danish dairy co-ops are being reorganized, following findings that volume of less than 4 million pounds of milk yearly or more than 10 million pounds is undesirable.

This Believed World Record

GUELPH, Ont.—A Holstein in the herd of the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph, O.R.G. Rag Apple Hengerveld produced as a four-year-old, in the yearly division on three times a day milking, 32,877 lbs. of milk containing 1,034 lbs. butterfat. This is a North American and, as far as can be ascertained, a world record for milk in its class and the third highest for butterfat ever made in Canada.

"Hay and Pasture Crops"

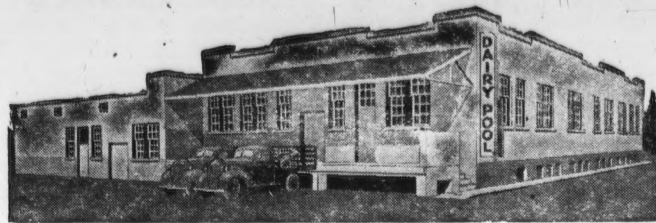
"Hay and Pasture Crops for Alberta", by J. E. Birdsall, supervisor, Crop Improvement Service for the Alberta Department of Agriculture, has been published recently. A map of the Province, showing major soil climatic zones, on which recommendations are based, is included. Copies may be secured from the King's Printer, Edmonton.

GERMAN TEACHERS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Eng.—A party of one hundred German public and secondary teachers and junior university lecturers, from the British zone of Germany, recently visited Britain to get a general picture of life in that country today. Lectures on various aspects of Britain's educational system and social services are included in their program, as well as visits to places of historic interest and scenic beauty.

Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative had a big year in 1947; sales volume was \$32,851,000, topping 1946 by seven millions.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



RELIGION AND CO-OPERATION

By NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY

I am sure that Mr. Norman Priestley's most valuable resume of the recent action of several churches in regard to the Co-operative movement will be very welcome to many of the members of the S.A.D.P. If the churches had realized much earlier that the Co-operative movement was the practical expression of Christ's teachings (self help and mutual aid) the struggle that many small co-operatives had in the beginning could have been made much easier and the ending of their story would have been much different. Personally, I am glad to know that several powerful church bodies are beginning to take an interest in the Co-operative movement, and I hope that their influence will be such that I will see the day when Brotherly Love will replace the present cut-throat practices in the market place. Mr. Priestley is general manager of the highly successful and steadily expanding U.F.A. Central Co-operative.

Thank you, Mr. Priestley, for your welcome contribution.

Yours fraternally,

Wm Burns

PRESIDENT.

WE would like to raise the question as to whether there is any connection between religion and co-operation. Many people dislike using religion in support of any movement of a socio-economic or political nature, and that repugnance can be easily understood. Social and political organizations are composed of people with a great variety of ideas about religion, and to keep harmony within the membership of a secular association it is usually wise to maintain neutrality in religious matters:

Must Be Impelling Motive

Some impelling motive must therefore lie beneath the changing attitude of religious bodies toward the co-operative movement. Many Christian churches have made strong pronouncements in recent years in favor of the formation of co-operative enterprises; and some few churches have undertaken the actual work of organization of co-operatives. Here are a few instances.

The National Council of Churches of Christ in America set up several years ago a secretariat to deal with matters concerning co-operatives and labor. Under Benson Y. Landis, a great deal of work has been done to interpret the co-operatives and organized labor to the Protestant churches affiliated with the Council, and conversely to interpret Christian faith and practice to the strong co-operative movement of the United States and to the organized workers.

Work of St. Francis Xavier University

Notable among official actions in support of co-operatives is the work done in the past thirty or forty years by the extension department of the University of St. Francis Xavier (Zav-ee-ay) at Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Commencing with the founding of adult education classes among fishermen and miners, the priests of the Roman Catholic church working under the auspices of the University found need for practical expression of the ethical principles of the Christian faith and frankly encouraged the founding of marketing and consumer co-operatives, with the result that the Maritime Provinces of Canada have come to be regarded by co-operators of the United States and other parts of the world as the location of model co-operative communities. Many Protestant ministers have joined with the Catholic clergy in that fine work.

In 1947 the Department of Evangelism and Social Service of the United

Church of Canada passed a resolution urging ministers and laymen of that church to "encourage and participate in the work of co-operatives whenever and wherever possible."

In the past year the New York State Methodist Conference passed a resolution in support of co-operatives and they are now said to be implementing that resolution in concrete terms.

Many other churches, both at the local and the national level, have come to realize that the co-operative movement is a practical expression of the principle of mutual aid and brotherly love which is the core of the ethical teaching of Christ.

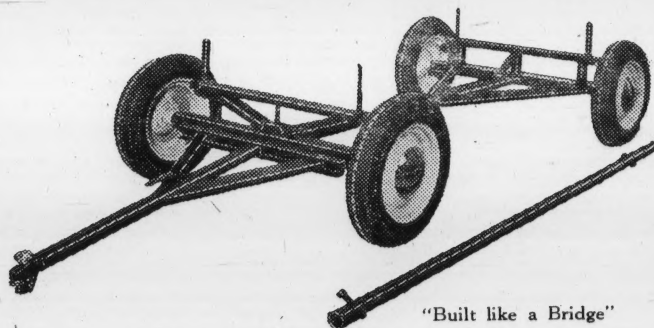
Among Rochdale Pioneers

It is of interest to note that many of the original Rochdale Pioneers, that small group of twenty-seven men and one woman of Lancashire who founded the modern co-operative movement, were earnest Christian people. About half of them were Unitarians belonging to one chapel which became known as the "Co-op. Chapel". That building today, after a hundred years, is used as the Sunday School room of the Unitarian church of Rochdale. The Rev. James Wilkinson, pastor of the chapel, was one of the committee of arbitrators set up by the pioneers for the purpose of settling any disputes which might arise in the co-operative. To the credit of that early group of co-operators, the reverend gentleman had little to do in that capacity; though the members of the "Co-op." grew to hundreds in the fourteen years he was on the committee.

Look for Leadership in Social Field

There is no question that adequate research in this field would reveal that the churches of Christendom have realized in the years since the Great Depression the fact that great numbers of people both in the church and outside it, look to organized religious bodies to give leadership in the effort to reconstruct our social and economic

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GIVE PRIORITIES

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Annual Meeting of S.A.D.P.—Reminder

As announced by President Burns in The Leader of May 7th, the Annual Meeting of the S.A.D.P. will be held in Calgary on Thursday, June 17th. The meeting will be held in the Wheat Pool Board Room. A full attendance is desired.

S.A.D.P. SECTION (Continued from page 2)

machinery, so that great masses of people shall no longer be subject to disastrous declines of economic values, and the unemployment and general poverty that accompany depression periods.

Sincere humanitarians have found in the co-operative movement a technique by which occupational groups such as fishermen and farmers can give to each other that support and mutual aid in marketing that ensures more just returns for labor. They have also found that lower income groups, by co-operation in buying or in the use of medical and hospital services, credit facilities, insurance, etc., can and do raise their standard of living. Religious bodies, being concerned with the welfare of their members and of mankind in general, have turned to co-operative principles and activity for at least a partial solution to the problems of wealth distribution. The mass conscience of the churches is aroused. There remains the problem of bringing it home to the local communion and to the individual member and adherent.

Energizing Force of Christian Ideals

Looking for a moment to the other side of this question, how greatly the co-operatives need the energizing force of Christian ideals!

No doubt one of the reasons why the co-operative movement, powerful as it has become, did not more rapidly seize the imagination of the whole population of Britain, is that co-operators were all too often concerned chiefly if not entirely with dividends, and did not show themselves to be any more concerned with amelioration of the lot of the poor than the most hard boiled member of the wealthier classes. So, too, in the United States there have been and are too many co-operators who regard their particular co-operative as merely a means of adding to their income either by getting a higher price for what they have to sell, or by paying less for what they have to buy. We in Canada are all too often like that.

Co-operative principles and practice must result in material gain or they fail to accomplish that for which they are designed; but they will succeed more rapidly in their bid for use in rebuilding our system of economics if they touch the heart of those engaged in the enterprise. People are more easily won to join themselves with others if they recognize that interest in the welfare of others and not self interest only is behind the plan and action. Co-operatives offer an opportunity to combine self interest and brotherly love in that area of human affairs where it is most needed, that is the market place.

Highest Since 1920

LONDON, Eng.—British exports in March were valued at \$480,000,000—the highest monthly total except for June, 1920.

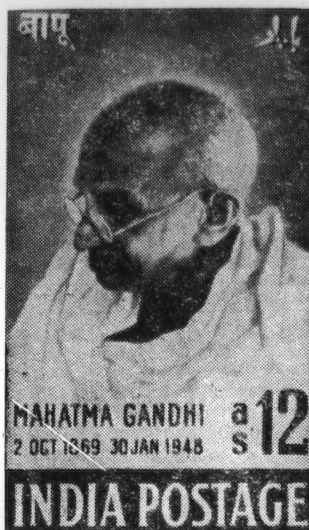
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A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

Farm Forum Annual Meeting — The 1948 Annual Meeting of the National Farm Radio Forum will be held in Regina on June 14-15-16th. Each Provincial Secretary will present a report of the activities from his Province. It is interesting to note that the Alberta Secretary will be able to report an increase of 19 listening groups. Our total for the past winter was 64. This is not large but indicates a healthy growth.

The meeting will be responsible for laying plans for the coming season and outlining the topics to be used. Our readers who have taken an active part in Farm Forum will be interested to know that their answers to the questionnaire filled out the end of March will be used as a basis for the next program series.

The reports show that they want the programs presented in discussion and dramatized form about half and half. They want special current subjects on round-up nights — Subjects that received high priority were:

"Income Tax and the Farmer,"

"Organized Marketing Views the Open Market,"

"Insurance for the Farmer,"

"Can Agriculture Stand Alone?"

You may look for a report from this meeting at a later date.

Mr. Marler Reports — The A.F.A. President, Roy C. Marler, has been attending the Annual Meeting of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers which opened at Paris, France, on May 19th, and closed May 29th.

Mr. Marler reported that 30 nations were represented, with 19 official delegates. This means that while many countries are definitely interested and recognize the importance of this world organization, their farm organizations are not organized on a national basis, as in Canada, to permit them a voting delegate.

The first couple of days were taken up with formal reports and statements and Sir John Boyd Orr gave his final address as Director General of F.A.O. On his retirement he will be succeeded by E. N. Dodd from the United States. Sir John's speech stressed the need for

Labor Shortage Increases Co-op. Use of Machinery

STOCKHOLM.—In Sweden the manpower shortage has given fresh impetus to the trend towards the co-operative use of farm machinery. Encouraged by the government, entire counties have joined together in the co-operative purchase of machinery. Two systems of use are being followed: in one case, the farmer hires the machine and runs it himself, in the other he pays an hourly rate for work done.

full production of food products and the providing of ways and means of supplying these goods to the people at a price fair to producer and consumer alike.

The statement made by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture recognized the need for expanded food production to meet world needs. It also stated that Canada as a producing nation was afraid that desired expansion of food production may in the near future result in surplus conditions which have so often in the past meant disaster for them. The prevention of such conditions is a world problem and it is the responsibility of I.F.A.P., along with international trade organizations and world governments, to prevent them. To many of us the goal may seem

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distant and rather hopeless of achievement. Nevertheless, it is surely worth the effort. The Alberta Federation of Agriculture, through the C.F.A. and as represented by Mr. Marler, is doing its share.

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CALAMITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the face of the calamity which has overtaken so many of our fellow Canadians in British Columbia, we are sure that the public everywhere in the Dominion will expect the Federal Government to give freely all the assistance that may be necessary.

We do not forget, of course, that from time to time grave misfortune has struck in various places in this and other Provinces.

It is generally recognized, however, that what has been happening in our neighboring Province is on so vast a scale, and that the need is so immediately pressing, that only by quick action on a national scale can this need be met.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

The fact that a committee or "working party" of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, at Paris, unanimously "welcomed the signing of the International Wheat Agreement which has been vigorously demanded by IFAP since its inception, and urged its immediate ratification by all signatory Governments", is of high significance, as is the fact that this "working party" also explored the possibility of international agreements being concluded in respect to a number of other commodities. Provisions of the International Trade Organization (set up under United Nations auspices) for the establishment of international commodity agreements, were also endorsed.

That unanimity should have been found possible in respect to the Wheat Agreement in an organization in which so wide a diversity of types of agricultural interest is to be found, is an achievement of no mean order. President Turner expressed great satisfaction, and described the means by which agreement had been reached.

"The world," he said, "faces two alternatives—economic stability, based upon such faith as we have established in this assembly, or a patch-work of expediency in international affairs that would offer no safeguards at all for universal peace.

"These alternatives are a challenge. Farmers, by the nature of their calling and its importance to everyone else, have the right themselves to meet this challenge, and I do most sincerely congratulate every delegation in this Conference upon the example it has set for international discussion and the pattern created for an approach by governments to many current problems.

"And what have we done? We have had every conceivable point of view expressed upon the Wheat Agreement reached by Governments a few months ago—an agreement which was expedited by a previous agreement of this Federation. Those viewpoints were narrowed down to the issue that could stand between the mainly exporting and the mainly importing countries. . . . The two points of view were held very strongly, but I am proud to add that, after debate, the working party concerned with this issue came to the far-reaching, and unanimous, decision. . . . I make specific mention of this matter because it illustrates our experience in the difficulties of reaching accord on matters of international consequence. We accept those difficulties, and we expect, on occasions, to involve ourselves in disagreement. But I can say, on your behalf, that we shall never allow ourselves to be impeded by lack of understanding."

TO AN ISOLATIONIST

*Too seldom are your thoughts set free to seek
—The realms beyond the borders that confine
Your own small circle; seldom do you speak
Of aught save little currents that combine
To shape your narrow course; and you forget,
In contemplation of your own affairs,
Your fellow-men by tragedy beset
And broken by the burden of their cares.*

*If getting, spending, garnering mere things
Through careless habit has become your creed,
You cannot know the happiness that springs
From service given to a world in need,
Where every friendly gesture helps to bind
More closely all the races of mankind.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

ESSENTIAL TO EXPANDING ECONOMY

President Turner was expressing, we believe, the judgment of an overwhelming majority of the world's primary farm producers when he said:

"Governments must now recognize that an expanding world economy will depend very largely upon the stability of agriculture."

With various important phases of the Paris conference just ended it is not possible to deal in this issue. We hope to continue the discussion of them — and outline further decisions — in our next issue.

Alberta farm people will be glad to note that their representative at Paris — President Roy Marler of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, was appointed to one of the major Conference Committees—that on "Constitution and Membership". It was given one of the really big Conference jobs, and drew up a report of much value.

It was this Committee, by the way, whose recommendations on the election of officers for the coming year was adopted by the delegates. The opinion was expressed that once the administration is in full working order there should be a regular change in the office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee, not only to ensure the introduction of new ideas, but also to preserve the truly international character of the Federation. It was recommended that this principle should be put into practice at future meetings.

This year, however, with the administrative still in a formative stage, the Committee on the Constitution felt that "it would be a grave mistake to relinquish the services of able and experienced members of the Executive."

The suggested course was followed. Mr. Turner was re-elected President, as were the first, second and third Vice-Presidents — H. D. Louwes of the Netherlands, P. Martin of France, and H. H. Hannam of Canada. Other members of the Executive are: A. S. Goss (U.S.A.); A. Hogsbro-Holm (Denmark); W. N. Perry (New Zealand), and N. G. Ranga (India).

One compelling reason for organization of farmers on an international scale was given by Mr. Turner, who pointed out that "Governments are becoming increasingly involved in the conduct of trade and commerce and in the direction of industry".

News from Alberta Wheat Pool

Pool Reserve Purchase

The Alberta Wheat Pool has mailed cheques to a value of \$602,801.84, covering the purchase of Pool reserves from the estates of deceased Pool members and also from former members who attained the age of 75 years as at December 31st, 1947.

In recent months the Alberta Pool has also redeemed reserves to the value of \$80,781.39 from members who had passed their 65th birthday on December 31, 1947, and who had ceased to have any interest in grain producing land.

The total payment in redeeming all categories of reserves during the current year was \$683,583.23. The reserves thus redeemed were contributed by the membership between the years 1923 and 1928.

Reserves are purchased on one hundred cents on the dollar. They will be re-issued in the form of patronage dividends to patrons of Alberta Pool Elevators.

Coarse Grains Adjustment Payment

The Alberta Wheat Pool mailed cheques totalling approximately \$530,000 to farmers who delivered oats and barley between August 1st and October 21st, 1947. The payment was 14 7/8¢ a bushel on barley and 10 5/8¢ on oats.

From August 1st to October 21st of last year the Federal Government maintained ceiling prices of 65¢ a bushel for oats and 93¢ a bushel for barley, basis Fort William. Farmers who delivered those grains in that period had to accept those prices. On October 21st the ceilings were removed and prices advanced sharply, creating an unfair situation to those who delivered oats and barley earlier.

This matter was discussed at the annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool held last November, and a decision was reached to refund excess earnings on the volume of oats and barley delivered prior to October 21st to the farmers who had made such deliveries.

Believe Grasshopper Spray Will Arrest Menace

Recent experiments with the insecticide "gammexano", particularly when used with fog-spray machines, has encouraged Australian farmers to believe that the grasshopper menace will be arrested within the next two or three years. The spray has been spectacularly successful in badly infested areas in Queensland and New South Wales, states the Australian High Commissioner at Ottawa. It has been discovered, also, that the locusts themselves are infested with a parasite "locust fly", which is reducing their numbers.

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Canadian Federation of Agriculture Makes Presentation to World Convention

PARIS, France.—Fears of world food producers that desired expansion of production will result in the near future in surplus conditions such as those which have brought disaster in the past—these fears can only be removed by organizing and co-ordinating on a world scale of expanding production and distribution of farm products.

This is the opinion of world statesmen was strongly stressed in the well-prepared and thoroughly organized presentation made to the annual conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers in Paris, by the Canadian delegation headed by President H. H. Hannam of the C.F.A.

"This program," said the Canadian brief, "can best be carried out if we have an international agency, qualified and equipped with personnel and finances and authority to do the job. Nothing less should be considered the aim of IFAP. To command farm support the international organization should measure up to this conception of the task."

Found "Warm-hearted Friendliness Everywhere"

Opening with an expression of appreciation of the kindness shown by the farmers' organization of France, the *Confederation General des Agriculteurs*, and its branches, who had afforded the delegates an opportunity to see rural France in the course of a tour preceding the business sessions, the Canadian submission continued: "We shall always remember the truly generous hospitality and the warm-hearted friendliness we found on every hand. One cannot visit France without being deeply conscious of her position and the very great sacrifice she made in the front line of so many wars. And may we commend French farmers particularly for their effort and progress in rehabilitation since the liberation."

The statement of the Canadian delegation continued:

Last year our International Federation of Agricultural Producers' Conference at The Hague, following the setting up of our organization on a permanent basis, charted its policy for world affairs. The essence of that policy was to be mutual understanding, consultation, negotiation and agreement between nations in the developing and carrying out of a world food program. (Herein the term—food program—is used in its broadest sense to encompass other agricultural products as well as food.) Our Canadian Federation of Agriculture is happy to reiterate its conviction that such a policy and such an objective are eminently sound, and fundamental to the highest conception of human progress.

Wheat Agreement Gratifying

Particularly do we recall that at The Hague there was unanimous approval of international commodity agreements for basic farm commodities entering extensively into world trade, and great importance was attached to the early signing of a multilateral wheat agreement. Wheat, we felt, had become a world symbol for the new trade pattern envisioned alike by IFAP and FAO. Gratifying, therefore, was the announcement on March 6th last, that representatives of 36 wheat importing and exporting nations had reached complete agreement on a five-year wheat plan.

In the face of other discouraging aspects of the world scene, this achievement stands as a ray of hope—a distinct advance towards the broader goal of the whole United Nations program.

It is the opinion of the Canadian delegation that without the existence and support of IFAP, a wheat agreement could not perhaps have been possible at this time.

To agricultural producers in all lands, and to their newly formed International Federation, this achievement, of what may be considered its first major policy pronouncement, is indeed encouraging and indicative of

the tremendous possibilities for the future of this Federation of ours.

In spite of all the difficulties inherent in the operation of such an agreement, which we fully appreciate, we Canadians urge that this Conference, representing as it does millions of primary producers in all parts of the world, pledge its wholehearted support, and appeal in solid unity for participation in and ratification of the wheat agreement by every nation concerned in international trading in wheat. Unreserved support and successful operation of the wheat agreement will, we trust, prepare the way for similar agreements in other major food and agricultural products in international trade.

But, vital as the wheat agreement is, we do not overlook other fundamental features of a world food program.

The Marshall Plan for European Recovery, a vast reconstruction project designed to alleviate distress and solve emergency market and currency difficulties, will undoubtedly have significant influence on world events in the future.

Marshall Plan Applied in Liberal Spirit

It is well known that Canada, besides sending farm products to many

Co-op Owns 948 Wells

KANSAS CITY. — Bringing their oil wells to a total of 948, Co-operative Refinery Association, with head office here, recently purchased sixty wells. This will keep the refineries operating near their capacity.

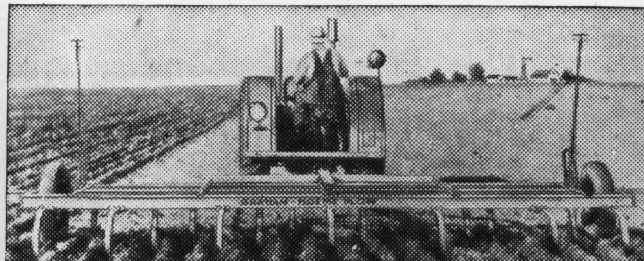
nations has been, both during and since the war, one of the mainstays in providing Great Britain with vital food supplies. Members of the Conference will realize then that it means much to Canada and the United Kingdom that through the world statesmanship of the United States, the Marshall Plan is being applied in a liberal multilateral spirit which enables Canada, by helping to solve the financial problem involved, to continue her policy of being a major source of United Kingdom food imports.

We hope and trust that there will be the maximum of correlation and coordination of ERP undertakings, with the overall international food and agricultural program, of which FAO is the recognized United Nations organizing agency.

The evolving of the Geneva Trade Agreements, and the holding of the Havana Conference during the year, mark one further step in the efforts of the world nations to move towards the ideal of maximum exchange of goods on the basis of mutual helpfulness. Without doubt the proposed International Trade organization will, in the near future, have a definite contribution to make to the food program with which we are so directly concerned.

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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



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This is going to happen to your Daisy and her sisters if you don't use an efficient insecticide.

This is sure to be a bad year for flies. Water is lying everywhere, and every piece of water is a breeding place for these pests.

Milk and cream production has already suffered a severe setback due to lack of feed and the cold wet spring, and steps should be taken to ensure the maximum production per cow from now on.

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Every Branch of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool carries a supply of "Sapho", which we believe is the best preparation for its purpose yet produced, and treatment according to the instructions which come with every bottle will ensure that your cows will not be troubled by flies for the rest of the season.

It costs little and the results will be reflected in your milk and cream cheque.

At the time of writing it looks as if the acreage of wheat

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Daisy in disgrace



The Twenty-Second ANNUAL MEETING

of the

Central Alberta Dairy Pool

Will be held in

ALIX

on **TUESDAY, JUNE 15th**

Business sessions in the United Church, commencing at 10 a.m.

Banquet in the Legion Hall
(Tickets \$1)

Guest Speaker:

HON. D. A. URE

Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Alberta

Don't Miss This Important Gathering

Minister of Agriculture Banquet Speaker

As announced elsewhere on this page, the guest speaker at the Annual Banquet of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, to be held at Alix on Tuesday, June 15th, will be the new Minister of Agriculture, Hon. D. A. Ure.

We look for a large attendance of visitors from all parts of Central Alberta for this important annual occasion, as well as a full attendance of delegates for our Annual Meeting.

Note the date, and make it a point to be present, both to hear the discussion of the affairs of your co-operative and to join in our annual Banquet.

is going to be severely restricted. In many districts the land is still too wet to work, and many farmers are going to rely on their milk and cream cheques to help them out more than ever this difficult year.

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Driver-Shipper Co-operation Saved Day

As already stated, the production of milk and cream has received a serious setback, and road conditions reached an all-time low. In spite of almost impossible conditions, we managed to maintain a truck service with varying success. Our drivers took a beating but did a good job. We would like to thank our milk shippers for their co-operation in taking their milk out to where we could get at it.

It was this driver-shipper co-operation that enabled us to keep operating and we hope that from now on we can get back to our normal services.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

The Importance of Cooling Milk

Cooling milk is a MUST.

Milk that is cooled, immediately it is drawn, to 50-55 degrees, will NOT SOUR on the truck under normal operating conditions.

If you have received sour milk back from the Condensery recently, check your cooling arrangements; check your strainer and filter equipment; check your herd for mastitis.

Sour milk is a three-way LOSS.

You lose.

The trucker hauls both ways for nothing.

And your organization loses volume of production.

Help us to help you—this is your organization.

BLUEPRINT OF DESTINY

By E. S. RUSSENHOLT

Use of our resources of land and water "to yield prosperity" is the theme of this series by Mr. Russenholt of the Public Relations Branch of Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers.

Small Water Projects

In our Saskatchewan-Nelson region, the P.F.R.A. have built 35,000 small water projects. These trap runoff, and store water for homes, livestock and communities. Many irrigate gardens—and up to 100 acres. Already, more than 100,000 acres are so irrigated. The program can be multiplied certainly, to serve 10 times as many people.

The South Saskatchewan developments embrace some 2 million acres—out of the 15 million acres "improved" on our short grass prairies. Irrigation will transform this vast acreage from a drought-blasted liability into the finest intensive farmlands... with production, opportunity and population multiplied many times over.

Hon. George Spence, former head of P.F.R.A., sums it up this way: "This development—with the small water program—will revolutionize agriculture on the open plains; and spread its stabilizing influence across the whole economy of the nation.... Benefits from irrigation spread widely through transportation, merchandising, manufacturing; and mean stable prosperity to farmers, communities, provinces, and the country generally."

Irrigation is one of the many vital steps, in conservation. In gear with irrigation, farmers and technicians are working together all over our region, to develop new methods—new equipment—new crops... to battle erosion and increase farm crops.

Mankind Is Hungry

One thing is certain: mankind is hungry. The market for food must continue, so long as humans eat. It must expand, as population increases. In the century before 1800, world population increased 30 per cent. In the 150 years since 1800, world population increased 350 per cent.

Our resources of land and water can produce multiplied crops of grain, meat and other foods... if we determine on full, balanced use of all our resources.

Value of Tree Crops

Nature grew trees on, perhaps, 75 per cent of our region. Great areas can produce most wealth for most people by being cropped to trees.

All our natural timberlands, so far depleted, all our surviving forests, all acres which can yield most "wealth" in timber... all these, we can bring under full management, to multiply our forest harvests, and, also, increase our other crops.

A Commission, after surveying Ontario's forests, reports "incredible waste"; recommends that Provincial

investment in forests be multiplied by 10; and states that employment of 3 times more technicians in woods operations would return 400 per cent on the investment.

Alberta Co-operating

Saskatchewan has surveyed her forests. Alberta is co-operating with the Dominion, to manage her Rocky Mountain forests—to produce increased tree-crops and improve the waters of our region.

Through conservation, we can multiply timber harvests from our wild forestlands, and we can reinforce our agriculture with new forests and a new forest industry on settled farmlands.

Community forests, farm forests, field hedges and highway hedges brake the winds that steal the vital water from our fields; and so increase farm crops. In addition, they can produce harvests of posts, poles, repair timber and fuel for farm operations—and wood for community factories.

Community Factories

Local factories can process wood to its fullest value in local communities; create markets for local tree-crops; open opportunity for local workers; improve power service; and broaden and stabilize the foundation of community life.

The indirect benefits, by braking water-stealing winds; preventing soil erosion; and protecting the whole farming community, would be far greater. Growing tree-crops on marginal acres can help grow tremendously to increase farm crops on our remaining acres.

The need is for more and more trained people. Forest development can open opportunity for more workers than the total present personnel of all Canada's railways. Forest management can multiply tree-crops; can provide the basis for an expanded wood industry; can protect soil and water; and can build up farm and community income.

Can Increase Fur Crops

Furs lured white men to the corners of our region; and, we are told, produced more wealth over a longer time than any other crop. We did not crop our fur resource—we destroyed it! Today, all Canada produces less wild fur than the single state of Louisiana. We can increase fur harvests... perhaps 100 times over. Some may yield best returns if drained for farms. Others (perhaps the greater percentage) will yield greater "wealth" if developed to store water and produce multiplied crops of fur.

Vast Northland "wastes" can be managed to grow beaver and other fur crops. Over our Farmlands, myriad small waters can produce big harvests of pelts. Everywhere, fur farms and ranches can be multiplied, over and over. Full management of our fur resources will benefit farms, forests and all other crops.

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THE STORY OF

A FARMER and HIS HIRED MAN

Suppose a farmer had a hired man and gave him \$12.00 and told him to go to town and get three bags of feed. The hired man was able to get the feed for \$11.00 so he brought back \$1.00 which he turned over to the farmer for whom he acted as agent.

THE STORY OF

500 FARMERS AND THEIR HIRED MEN

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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

May 20th — Chiang Kai-Shek inaugurated as China's first president; says civil war in China is "between democracy and totalitarianism". Canadian flying ace, "Buzz" Buerling, killed in crash near Rome; was on his way to Palestine, to fight with Jewish air force. Canada, Argentina, swing UN Security Council against US resolution for another cease-fire order in Palestine.

May 21st — Jews counter-attack in hard-fought battle for Jerusalem old city. British press thanks Canada for suspension of duties on British rayon and cotton goods. Two Hollywood writ-

ers fined \$1,000 each for refusing to say whether they were or ever had been members of Communist Party. Truman asks Congress to make Alaska a state.

May 22nd — Sudden death of Hon. J. L. Ralston, wartime Minister of National Defence, who resigned on conscription issue, reported from Ottawa.

May 23rd — Israel agrees to cease fire if Arabs will also lay down arms. Egyptians reinforce Trans-Jordan troops in Palestine, is Cairo report.

May 24th — UN Security Council requests Palestine combatants to cease fire by Wednesday noon. Britain warns Arab states she expects them to obey UN demand. Arabs driven out of Jordan valley, states Haganah. South Africa recognizes Israel. Russia vetoes proposal by Chile for investigation into Czechoslovakia coup.



SMUTS

by Chiang Kai Shek's Chinese nationalists reported from Chingchaun. London report, that President Benes of Czechoslovakia is seriously ill, denied in Prague. Announced that at meeting yesterday between President Truman and President Chaim Weizmann of Israel, Truman gave this assurance re request for loan of from \$90 to \$100 millions for new state: "There will be no trouble about that because the Jews always pay their debts."

May 27th — Trygve Lie sends personal messenger to British officials to warn that success in handling of Palestine problem vital to life of UN. Egyptians join in attack on Jewish forces in Jerusalem. British clothing ration increased.

May 28th — Smuts resigns; South African government to be formed by Malan, leader of Nationalist Party which favors isolationist position, advocates segregation of natives. Jews surrender Jerusalem old city; fight continues in modern part of city. Buerling was to have been paid only \$200 monthly by Jews, states Haganah spokesman, denying rumors of "fantastic sums". Last of German war prisoners now leaving Britain. Archbishop of York advocates "holy war" against communism. Canadian UNESCO council meets to plan spending of \$1,000,000 for educational, scientific and cultural purposes.

May 29th — U.S. supports Russian demand for UN force to back up Palestine demands, but necessary votes not obtained in Security Council. Only Russia, U.S., France, Colombia, and Ukraine support plan. British plan, for final attempt at mediation, with truce and arms embargo, approved by Security Council. Arabs push drive against Jews in Jerusalem. Benes has not yet signed new Czech constitution, is reported from Prague. Nine members of Czech embassy in London resign in protest against kind of election to be held on Sunday.

May 30th — British doctors finally approve public health plan. Trans-Jordan forces move up towards Tel Aviv. Reported early returns show that about 89 per cent of Czech voters approve Communist-dominated government in today's election. Poland, Bulgaria, sign twenty-year mutual assistance treaty. Malan's slim majority in South African Parliament (only five) and fact that Smuts held nearly 60 per cent of popular vote, will make new government wary, is reported; believed Union will remain in Commonwealth.

May 31st — UN's proposal for four-weeks' truce likely to be accepted by Arabs, is Cairo report. U.S. will send tanks and planes to Iran, states Washington despatch. Ottawa will remove ban on Japanese in coast areas in spring of 1949.

June 1st — Hugh Dalton again in British cabinet. Jews announce they will cease fire, as requested by UN, if Arabs do also. Australian doctors boycott free health scheme. Arab League accepts UN cease-fire proposal, says Syrian representative.

June 2nd — UN considers detailed answers of Jews, Arabs to cease-fire demand.

"Read the label" of pest control preparations and "Keep out of reach of Children" are two rules recommended by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

News of U.F.A.

Central Co-operative

Weather and roads, and now the urgency of farm work, have caused suspension of activity in the Educational Department of the U.F.A., so far as meetings are concerned. Lawrence Proudfoot, Assistant Director, has been spending the past two weeks assisting W. L. Cook of the petroleum division in surveys for the opening of new oil agencies in the Loughheed to Provost area.

Miss Eileen Birch, U.F.A. Secretary, left Calgary on Tuesday, June 1st, to carry out preliminary work in connection with the Farm Young People's Week at the University of Alberta. D. C. Thornton, U.F.A. Educational Director, will also attend the sessions. This very fine effort of the Department of Extension has been assisted by staff from U.F.A. Central Office ever since the first session, now some 30 years ago. As previously announced in *The Leader*, this year's sessions are being held from June 3rd to 10th. The annual meeting of the Junior U.F.A. is always one of the big events of the week.

R. M. McCool, Superintendent of Branch Stores of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative, is at Rimbey this week, taking over the fifth branch store, added to the Co-op in 1948 to date — the general store of A. A. Omar.

Mr. McCool spent several days last week at Medicine Hat, where a new addition has been built to the branch store, providing 480 square feet of floor space and a basement of the same size for a butcher shop, which was opened on Thursday, June 3rd. The Medicine Hat branch store has now four departments having frontage of 90 feet on Sixth Avenue at the corner of Fourth Street. The rear of the building opens on the market square.

A. Riley, petroleum superintendent, has just returned from a tour of the Peace River agencies, and reports that business is excellent throughout the whole northern region. Farmers are looking forward to a very good year and spring work is well advanced.

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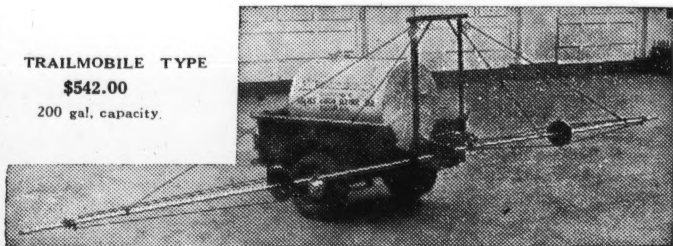
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U.G.G. Quarter Century Club Is Inaugurated at Dinner in Calgary

Attending the inaugural dinner of the U.G.G. Quarter Century Club held on Thursday night, May 20th, at the Palliser Hotel in Calgary, were some 50 employees of United Grain Growers, Ltd. (Western Division) who represented a total of 1500 years of service with Canada's oldest farm co-operative.

In the course of an address to the gathering, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., President and General Manager, described briefly the important role played by the Company in the development of Western Canada, and the valuable contribution made by members of the Quarter Century Club during their long service.

There were present from various parts of Alberta eleven country elevator operators, and also five travelling superintendents, all of whom qualified for membership. Presentations were made in behalf of the Company by Mr. Brownlee, who thanked the members for their devoted service and loyalty.

Officers Elected

Master of Ceremonies at the dinner was A. W. Wooding, senior employee. Mr. Wooding is cashier at the Calgary office and has been with the Company for 34 years. He was elected President of the newly formed club. J. S. Miller was elected Vice-president and W. J. Garland Secretary.

Similar ceremonies to those held in Calgary were also observed some days earlier by U.G.G. employees at Winnipeg and Port Arthur, marking the formation of Quarter Century Clubs in the Eastern Division of the Company.

Members Quarter Century Club, Western Division

Members of the Quarter Century Club of the Western Division are as follows, all not shown to be otherwise are on the Calgary staff. The year of starting is shown in parenthesis:

A. R. Anderson (1920), Barnwell, Alta.; F. L. Barnes (1918), Manyberries, Alta.; L. H. Campbell (1916), Edmonton, Alta.; T. Christianson (1921); A. F. Christie (1922), Grande Prairie, Alta.; W. Constable (1920); J. N. Dawson (1916); G. F. Deas (1916); Geo. E. Edworthy (1917), (Western Manager); H. D. Farnish (1917); E. M. Fawcett (1919), Blackie, Alta.; Wm. Fisher (1917), Stettler, Alta.; J. J. Flurey (1915); H. F. Francis (1920); W. J. Garland (1914); W. L. Greenwood (1921), Carseland, Alta.; H. N. Hanna (1921), Lomond, Alta.; A. J. Hantho (1918); W. A. Hempel (1915); W. F. Henderson

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REPLY TO MR. L. MARQUAND

The Editor,
Western Farm Leader:

I found of much interest the letter of Mr. George Le Marquand re my article "A Reflection on Alberta School Trustees".

I notice he agrees with me on the following points:

1—That Sec. 292A of the School Act was drastic action on the part of the Government. This naturally raised the ire of trustees and teachers.

2—He fully appreciates the need of teachers and equipment for the proper education of the children and says, "That is an undisputed fact", and

3—He admits that school trustees are like the councillors, that they are elected by and subject to, the pleasure of the public.

Mr. Le Marquand infers that there are some school trustees and councillors who are not quite equal to their task.

While making this assertion, I cannot appreciate how he thinks matters can be improved by transferring the responsibilities of trustees to that of councillors, whose study is not that of education, and who are therefore less informed about it.

Mill Rate for Schools Plainly Marked

When tax notices are forwarded, the mill rate for school purposes is plainly marked. The public therefore know that the trustees (whom they have elected) are responsible for educational expenses and not the councillors, as stated by Mr. Le Marquand.

The idea that trustees are likely to spend lavishly and needlessly for the sake of getting elected, strikes me as a contradiction, for if the money were spent unnecessarily it would be the quickest way of defeating a candidate; furthermore, most trustees I know are more interested in the welfare of education than just filling the position of school trustee with the idea of getting a small per diem allowance.

The Government of the Province has given the school trustees a job to do. To pass legislation to which I have referred and thereby tie the hands of an elected body, is, to say the least, "Not calculated to encourage responsible administration", to use Mr. Le Marquand's own words.

The trouble with our educational system is that the Province (which is directly responsible), does not finance enough from general funds.

The trustees have no option but to assess the municipal districts for the balance of necessary funds after allowance has been made for school grants. As this bears too heavily on real property, councillors, trustees and taxpayers strongly object. If the Government wishes the job done properly and wants to evade ignorance, it will have to foot more of the bill.

Yours sincerely,

HENRY, E. SPENCER,

President, Alberta School Trustees' Association.

(1917); W. H. Herriot (1917); E. B. Holgate (1920); L. G. Ingram (1920) Edmonton Office; C. C. Jackson (1917); J. Kimmett (1915); A. T. Kloepper (1917); G. C. Lewis (1917); Ethel J. MacDonald (1917); E. J. MacKay (1915); R. S. MacMillan (1916); M. McMahon (1921), St. Paul, Alta.; K. McNeill (1919); D. G. Miller (1920); J. S. Miller (1913); W. H. Miller (1919); M. W. Molyneux (1917); L. H. Morrison (1917); B. Olstead (1921), Stettler, Alta.; J. Ralston (1918), Rimbey, Alta.; W. Russell (1920); J. Smith (1917); W. F. Solomon (1916); R. J. Strigley (1919), Aldersyde, Alta.; H. Steps (1921) North Edmonton; W. A. Taylor (1917); R. H. Townsend (1920), Stavelly, Alta.; M. C. Twidt (1922), Lethbridge, Alta.; C. M. Tyler (1917); A. W. Wooding (1913); Hugh MacKay (1921), Vancouver, B.C.; Neil Shaw (1922), Vancouver, B.C.

R.C.M.P. Band Concerts

The R.C.M.P. band, which has played before the King and Queen, and at the World's Fair in New York, will open a series of concerts in Alberta on June 7th in Edmonton. It will play in Red Deer on June 8th and 9th, in Calgary on June 11th, in High River and Macleod on the 12th, in Lethbridge on the 14th and 15th, in Medicine Hat on the 17th.

Offer Five Scholarships

Aiding research looking to improvement in malting qualities and agronomic properties in barley, five scholarships are being offered by the newly formed Barley Improvement Institute. The Institute is headed by Professor T. J. Harrison, and is financed by the brewing and malting industries of Canada.

RECORD BUSINESS

With a membership of nearly 7,000, Sherwood Co-operative (in Regina) last year did a record business for \$1,197,000.

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LONDON, Eng.—A flight of six de Havilland Vampire jet fighters will cross the Atlantic from Britain on a goodwill visit to Canada and the U.S. early in July, during which they will give flying displays. This will be the first formation flight across the Atlantic by jet-propelled aircraft.

Canada's Contribution

With \$5,000,000, Canada has made the largest contribution so far reported in the United Nations Appeal for Children (the majority of countries campaigning, including U.S., Britain, France, New Zealand, have not yet reported). Sweden gave over \$2 millions, Norway just under that amount, Czechoslovakia \$1 million, Iceland \$430,000.

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Dear Farm Women:

My working holiday, as someone termed it, has been prolonged beyond my expectations and I am still in the city.

And what have I seen or heard or read? Well, I saw a very beautiful sight yesterday. I saw the tulip beds in Queen's Park in front of the Legislative Buildings. They stretched a riot of gorgeous coloring in bed after bed before us. A most beautiful sight in the bright Spring sunshine. I wish you could have seen them.

Must Be Over Sixty

And I heard of something I thought would interest you. It is the Second Mile Club. The club rooms are in one of the city's large old houses purchased by the Community Chest fund. There are no fees attached to membership in the club, but there is one provision. One must be sixty years of age or over. The oldest one attending just now is eighty, I believe.

It is a club where older people who may be lonely, living in one room, perhaps with few friends, can go and enjoy themselves. A meal can be had, or it is possible to buy something to add to what is brought; guests may be invited. Men and women are both enjoying it and entertain themselves with knitting and chatting or playing cards or checkers. Sometimes they learn of some baby sitting or some gardening. It is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day but Sunday. I suppose Toronto expects her elderly people to go to one of her many churches that day. But the Second Mile Club is something that is adding very much to many lives. I have been invited down some time (oh, of course not because I am eligible as a member of the club I may be able to tell you more of it afterwards.

One hears many comparisons of life in the city and life in the country, sometimes to the advantage of the one, sometimes the other. It has always seemed to me that one of the disadvantages of the country is felt when sickness overtakes a family. Sometimes it may be of such a nature that even if one is in a hospital district, the roads or the nature of the sickness may make it impossible to get the patient to the hospital. There are some of us I think who feel very, very poorly

qualified to take on the care of any patient.

A Recommended Book

A book was recommended to me the other day which should be of service to all home makers and especially those not near hospitals. It was *Home Nursing with Confidence* by Susan Briggs (\$1.75) MacMillan Co. She is now the instructor of Home Hygiene for the American Red Cross in Boston.

Sometimes, some of these books do not seem very practical in giving simple elementary suggestions to those who need them, as well as giving up-to-date information to those who have had experience. This one seems to do both and to be most helpful with its chapters on preparing a room as the sick room, on bed making, feeding the patient, etc.; and of course many suggestions regarding the care of an infant and also First Aid suggestions. It looked to me as if it should be useful to many people but I hope none will need its suggestions for any unfortunate plight.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

U.F.W.A. Local News

So far this year, Hazel Bluff U.F.W.A. have sent two CARE parcels to England, and two parcels for which they collected articles.

Park Grove U.F.W.A. (Vegreville) recently made plans for the forthcoming summer conference. They have sent several food parcels overseas, and made two quilts which they sold for \$17.50.

The last meeting of the season (until September) was held by Calgary U.F.W.A. recently, at the home of Mrs. Norman F. Priestley. The bulletins on legislation and education were read and discussed.

Due to the very severe winter and impassable roads, South Berry Creek U.F.W.A. were not able to meet from December to May, writes Mrs. E. M. Nester; however, a variety of activities have now been planned for the balance of the year.

The grandmothers of the community were special guests at the May meeting of Arrowwood U.F.W.A., when corsages and small gifts were presented to the oldest and youngest grandmothers present. This Local is heading an effort to get better mail service for the Blackie-Suffield line.

Each member attending a recent meeting of Lower Beaverlodge U.F.W.A. brought something to go into a parcel for a displaced persons' camp in Germany, and the Local voted \$3 to pay the postage. Donations of \$5 each were made to Farm Young People's Week and the Gardiner Fund.

The entire proceeds—\$107—of their whist drive, and sale of farm products, home cooking and handicraft, are being donated by Clyde U.F.W.A. to the Canadian Appeal for Children, writes Mrs. Kay Siegle, secretary. The sum of \$5 was sent to Farm Young People's Week, also.

At one of the best meetings of the year, Balzac U.F.W.A. recently heard the bulletin on education and the discussion on it, led by Mrs. A. P. Shuttleworth. The members voted \$10 to the Canadian Appeal for Children, \$5 to the Red Cross, and \$5 to Farm Young People's Week.

Final arrangements for a handicraft

The Western Farm Leader PATTERN DEPARTMENT



A skirt in two lengths, shirt-b blouse, and shorts are included in this sports outfit pattern; also there's a cummerbund to be made of contrasting material for a bright accent.

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exhibit at the summer conference were made at a recent meeting of Pickardville U.F.W.A.; and materials were ordered to be made up for the fall bazaar.

Twenty dollars was collected for the Red Cross by Fairdonian Valley U.F.W.A. (Sedgewick).

Grand Meadow U.F.W.A. (Ponoka) have been holding teas, etc., writes Mrs. C. D. Tait, to raise funds for three local projects; they have contributed \$150 to the community rest room, \$40 to the Legion Hall, and are now raising funds for the arena. In addition \$25 was sent to the Canadian Appeal for Children, \$20 to the Salvation Army, and \$10 to the Gardiner Fund.

Letters from three local girls now living in England, who had received CARE parcels, were heard with interest at a recent meeting of Okotoks U.F.W.A. The members decided to undertake the catering for a wedding, with 100 guests; and to donate \$10 each to the Canadian Appeal for Children and the Red Cross.

Proceeds from a hamper and two card parties enabled Notre Dame U.F.W.A. (North Edmonton) to make donations of \$15 to the Arthritis Club of Banff; \$10 to the Red Cross; \$5 to the Cancer Fund; \$5 to the Tuberculosis Society; \$5 to Farm Young People's Week; \$5 to the Robert Gardiner Fund. This Local now has the largest membership (20) since its formation, writes Mrs. J. F. Henderson.

Carmen's New Look is Hair, Not Turban



Carmen Miranda is "fecneeshed" with wearing fruit salads on her head and she has tossed her towering turbans into the garbage to reveal that underneath them she had nice, reddish-brown hair. In London, Eng., she has discarded her familiar film costumes and is appearing in a tight dress as a singer. She plans to spring her new subdued personality on the folks at home when she gets back to the U.S.

Farm Home and Garden

Strawberry Cream Pie: From a pint box of berries, take two-thirds cup of the smallest, and simmer slowly 15 minutes with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar; rub through strainer, then return to heat. Dissolve 2 tbs. cornstarch in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cold water, add to syrup, and stir until thickened. Slice remaining berries, pour syrup over them, and chill thoroughly. When ready to serve, whip $\frac{1}{2}$ pint cream, and spread into baked pie shell; cover with strawberry mixture.

French Salad Dressing: Put into a screw top jar 1 cup salad oil, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vinegar, one-third tsp. paprika, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper, 1 tbs. sugar. Shake well before using.

Mealtimes should be happy and serene, say doctors, if food is to be properly digested. Family disagreements, stories of the children's misdeeds, lecturing, excitement and threats of punishment should be banished from the table.

In Removing Stains: from clothing use bits of the same or similar material as the garment being cleaned to apply the cleansing agent.

Tomatoes should be transplanted one or two inches deeper than they were in the flat. Pour half a pint of "starter" or fertilizer solution into each hole before setting in the plant; 2 ounces of 4-12-6 mixture to 1 gallon of water is suggested. All lateral growth which develops from the axils (where the leaves join the main stem) should be pinched out as it shows.

Cauliflowers and Broccoli: planted this month in the open, where they are to grow, will in most cases produce

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Junior News Items

Marianne Juniors (Sylvan Lake) are sending Marie Lea to Farm Young People's Week. They realized \$35 from their box social.

A talk on Junior business and Farm Young People's Week by Director Elsie Dzioba was an interesting and instructive feature of a recent meeting of Ministik Junior U.F.A., writes Jean Oliver, secretary.

Formation of a rifle club is under consideration by Dalemead Juniors, who are also enquiring into leathercraft and camera club work, reports Lorraine Winters, secretary. A dance was arranged for May 28th.

Delia Junior U.F.A., writes Helen Martin, are looking for some project suitable for town and country members; they have discussed softball games, carpenter work and sewing, but without coming to a decision as yet. Mr. Jack McCully is their new supervisor.

Little Folks' Puzzle



THE ODD ACTOR

Bobby is watching this trainer put his pet through a number of acts. If you would like a picture of this wonderful animal, join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number thirty-six. Try your paints or crayons on this picture.

JOIN FEDERATION

Two Canadian co-op health groups were admitted to membership recently in the Co-operative Health Federation of America; they are the Nova Scotia Co-operative Union and the Co-operative Medical Services Federation of Toronto.

good heads. In an open fall, they can be used straight from the garden in late October.

Chocolate Swiss Roll: Beat yolks of 2 eggs; add $\frac{1}{4}$ -cup sugar gradually and alternately with 4 tbs. cold water. Add 3 tbs. cocoa blended with cold water to make a paste. Sift 1 cup flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. baking powder, and add to the egg mixture, stirring but not beating. Fold in the stiffly beaten whites. Grease and flour two small oblong tins and bake in hot oven about 10 minutes; spread with sweetened whipped cream and roll up.

The Quality Tea "SALADA" ORANGE PEKOE

OTTAWA LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

Nearly \$9 million will be spent in the enterprise, the cost to be borne by the Dominion, the Provinces and the landowners. The Dominion's share, of \$3,210,000, will be spent on the construction of 30 miles of new dykes, 70 miles of heavy reinforcing dykes, and 200 miles of medium and light reinforcing dykes with accessory works. The provinces will spend \$4,230,000 on renewing and building canals and other drainage works. The replotting, relining, fertilizing and reseeding of the land will be done by the landowners and the cost at \$18 an acre will be assumed by them.

The PFRA does not apply to the Maritimes, nor is this the extension of PFRA to the East. It is, however, a form of assistance to agriculture in the East which has met with the full approval of members of the Commons from all sections of the country.

Expect Butter Floor Price Will Increase Supply

The setting of a floor price for butter is expected to have a stabilizing effect on prices during the season of expanding production, and will likely, according to officials, increase supply eventually. Now there is both a ceiling and a

floor for butter. It is stated that the Government's action in setting a floor was taken when a short time ago prices tended to decline from the ceiling in Montreal.

Seeds Production Eases Off

The production of seeds in this country, which expanded greatly during the war, is settling down to more normal proportions. The peak of production was reached in 1944 and 1945. Since then there has been an easing off. The decline was general in 1947, with the exception of canning and garden varieties of peas.

The Provinces of British Columbia, Ontario and Manitoba lead in vegetable seed production. In 1947 B.C. produced 50,000 lbs. of beets, 32,000 lbs. carrots, 80,000 lbs. onions, 20,000 lbs. lettuce and 25,000 lbs. radishes.

Sweet corn seed is produced mainly in Ontario, but the 325,000 lbs. produced in the Province in 1947 was only one-third of the figure for 1946.

The production of seeds in Canada will be governed by the extent of domestic needs, but an export trade begun and developed on a large scale during the war will be continued, though on a more moderate scale.

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World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Europe's wheat crop this year will be larger than the 1946 production on that continent, which totalled 1,300,000,000 bushels. Such is the opinion of the United States Department of Agriculture. Last year's wheat production in Europe was only 1,020,000,000 bushels. The 1945 production totalled 985,000,000 bushels. The average annual production from 1935 to 1939 was 1,588,000,000 bush-

els. The European wheat acreage is still about 20 per cent below the pre-war average (74 million acres).

While crop prospects in many wheat importing countries show marked improvement compared with the very unfavorable outturn in 1947, import requirements are expected to continue large. Bread rations are very low and it will require considerable grain to bring up the rations and store stocks to reasonable working levels.

Wheat Stocks

On July 1st, 1947, wheat stocks in the four principal exporting countries, Canada, the United States, Australia, and Argentina totalled annually 379 million bushels. About 20 per cent less than the 1935 to 1939 annual average of 458 million bushels. On July 1st, 1943, stocks in these

The Dairy Market

Prices of dairy products still stand at the ceilings. Locally, butter is 67 cents, and butterfat 69 cents, with deductions of 2 cents per pound for truck cream and 1 cent per pound for train cream (maximum for transportation, 30 cents).

four countries reached a record of 1,740,000,000 bushels.

The United States has seeded 78.4 million acres of wheat for the 1948 harvest. Obviously a good crop is anticipated, for exports have been proceeding at such a rate that the total will be well over 500 million bushels and the carryover at the crop year end will be about 175 million bushels. The carryover at July 1st, 1947, was 84 million bushels and the ten-year pre-war average was 235 million bushels.

Seeding in West

In Western Canada seeding has been proceeding at a rapid rate. In Manitoba, farmers have completed wheat seeding, and in Saskatchewan the job will be done at the end of this week. In Alberta 70 per cent of the wheat was seeded on May 29th.

While seeding is 16 days later than the average, the abundance of moisture and the warm weather have caused rapid germination, offsetting the lateness of the season.

Wheat acreage will be down by 13 per cent in Alberta, and acreages sown to oats and barley will be up about 12 per cent. Rye seedings are 21 per cent larger than last year.

CANADIAN FEDERATION

(Continued from page 5)

What should prove to be a major event of the year in the food and agricultural field was the setting up of the World Food Council at Geneva last fall under FAO. And important as it undoubtedly is that each nation undertake to carry out the FAO program within its own borders, such action alone is not enough, and falls short of qualifying as a world food program in the best sense of the term.

What World Food Producers Fear
World population is increasing. World soil resources are deteriorating. However, world food producers are still afraid that desired expansion of production will, in the near future, result in surplus conditions which so often in the past have meant disaster to them. A world situation of this kind is an extraordinary one, and can be met only by extraordinary measures. It's an international problem, and cannot be solved without international action.

World statesmen have already agreed that in organizing and coordinating on a world scale, expanding production and distribution of food and other agricultural products, lies the answer. That program can best be carried out if we have an international action agency, qualified and equipped with personnel and finances and authority to do the job. Nothing less should be considered the aim of IFAP. To command farm support the international organization responsible should measure up to this conception of the task.

Thanks to the great humanitarianism of Sir John Boyd Orr, his crusade on behalf of underfed people, and his understanding of the needs of world agriculture, he has been responsible for cultivating world wide support of both producer and consumer for FAO, not alone as a world forum, but as an implementing agency for practical action programs. Farm organizations will always be profoundly grateful for the contribution made by this pre-eminent crusader.

Members of IFAP are well aware of the very substantial contribution made by the United States in the founding of FAO, and Canada was delighted to hear recently that the U.S. had further contributed the services of one of its outstanding agricultural leaders, Mr. E. N. Dodd, as Sir John Orr's successor.

Real Task Yet to Be Done

Though FAO was the product of great vision, and Sir John's crusade

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, May 31st.—There was brisk action on this market last week, with prices around \$1 higher than the previous close. Receipts were extremely light. Some choice steers realized \$19—a new high for the local market; choice butcher heifers traded at \$17.50 to \$18.50; good light cows sold \$13.50 to \$14.50, down to \$13.25 for heavies. Bulls held steady at \$10 to \$12.50. Hogs are unchanged at \$28.25 for Grade A for shipment, \$27 at plants. Sows liveweight \$14.50. Good to choice handyweight veal calves were \$17 to \$19, down to \$9 for heavy and common kinds.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, June 2nd—About 1,900 cattle sold last week on these yards. Market active. Good to choice butcher steers \$19.50 to \$21.50, down to \$15 for common; good cows \$15 to \$15.50 down to \$11 for common; canners and cutters \$7.50 to \$10.50; good to choice veal calves \$17 to \$20, down to \$12 for common. Hogs sold today \$27.45; good lambs \$16.50.

Elimination Weaknesses

East Co-operative Food Stores Is Recommended

NEW YORK.—Weaknesses in consumer co-operative food stores in eastern U.S.A. (shown by the fact that while food sales as a whole in that territory increased by 18 per cent in the first part of 1947, the co-ops gained only 7 per cent), have been examined in a recent "Gabler" report. It recommends complete reorganization of management of Eastern Co-operatives, Inc. (wholesale), amalgamation of organizations, building of area organizations to handle the physical job of food distribution, and strengthening of the tie between members and retail stores.

Midland Co-op Progress

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The 21st annual report of Midland Co-operative Wholesale, with headquarters here, tells its members about their \$22.8 million of business in 1947, in which 509 member co-operatives participated and on which the net margin was \$1.1 millions. Charts compare that showing with the volume of just under \$270,000 in 1927, when 37 co-ops were members and the margin was \$3,473. "By continuing to work together," says the report, "to the greatest extent possible, to obtain the goods and services we want and need, we can make our co-operatives . . . better able to serve the individual and public welfare. Co-operatives can and will set a pattern for economic democracy in America."

Through the UN relief sub-committee Australia is giving \$3,500,000 worth of wool to six European countries—Italy, Poland, Austria, Greece, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

has been outstanding, and many FAO projects have been excellent as a starting point, the fact must be faced that the real task for which FAO was created is yet to be done. Let us, therefore, in this conference direct our attention to fundamentals of a world food program.

To us this implies producing abundantly, conserving soil resources, and distributing equitably expanding food supplies on a stable basis at prices fair to both producer and consumer.

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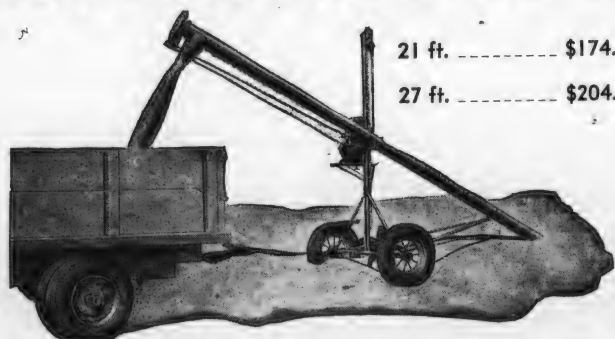
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Post-War Edition of "Sweden the Middle Way" Is Up-to-Date

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Every farmer, and farm woman, young or old, and particularly every member of the organized farm movement, should read the new edition of *Sweden the Middle Way*, by Marquis W. Childs.

Everyone who has thought over the potentialities of co-operation will find inspiration in Mr. Childs' description of the progress of the co-operative movement in Sweden, and its achievements there. At the same time, there is a useful discussion of the part played in the Swedish policies and plans by various adaptations of public ownership; the Swedes do not rely solely on co-operation for their "middle way".

Developments During and Since War

Following Mr. Childs' latest visit to Sweden, in 1946, the book has been revised, and extended in the 1948 edition by chapters entitled "Sweden Revisited" and "Postwar Sweden", which tell of the impact of the war, and developments during and since the war period.

Much progress has been made towards the attainment of a satisfactory social order. But with handicaps of climate and limited resources, it is hardly to be expected that Sweden could in a relatively short time bring prosperity and security to all her people and there is no disposition on Mr. Childs' part to paint the picture in too brilliant colors. There is still much to be done and Mr. Childs argues that principles that have already brought so much of good can be extended with good reason to hope for further successes.

Incidentally, Canadians of Danish origin as well as others who have come to admire the co-operative spirit and practice of the Danes (and what Canadian farmer-co-operator has not?) will find much of interest in the chapter entitled "Denmark Organizes the Farm".

The book is so very readable and of such a nature that it could almost as well have been designated "A Book of Travel" as "A Modern Political Classic", which is the description of the publishers. It is entertaining but its great value for Canadian farmers will lie in the account of the efforts of another country to bring about that better way of life which is the object and the hope of their own farm movement.

The Western Farm Leader has secured a supply of copies of *Sweden, The Middle Way* and is offering the book as a premium with subscriptions. The subscriptions can be new or renewal, for one, two, or three years. They should be sent direct to The Western Farm Leader, U.F.A. Building, Calgary and subscribers should state that this is the premium they wish to receive.

BLUEPRINT OF DESTINY (Continued from page 7) Untold Wealth in Mines

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World Co-operative Day to Be Observed July 3rd

The 26th International Co-operative Day will be observed on Saturday, July 3rd, it has been announced by the General Secretary of the International Co-operative Alliance.

Meet for Completion of Amalgamation of Farm Bodies January

For the purpose of completing amalgamation of the two organizations—the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers' Union—their delegate bodies will meet in January next—in Calgary if satisfactory arrangements can be made for accommodation.

This was decided upon at a recent meeting of the Executives of the U.F.A. and the A.F.U. in the Corona Hotel.

In the meantime, the Fortieth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta will be held in Calgary during the four days commencing November 30th next, as previously announced in *The Western Farm Leader*.

The joint Executives of the A.F.U. and U.F.A. at their recent meeting endorsed the stand of the seven Provincial Premiers who urged the Dominion Government to appoint a royal commission to go thoroughly into the whole railway structure. Carrying on of investigation into inequalities by the Transport Commission was opposed.

Veterinary Questions and Answers

By S. H. McCLELLAND, V.S.

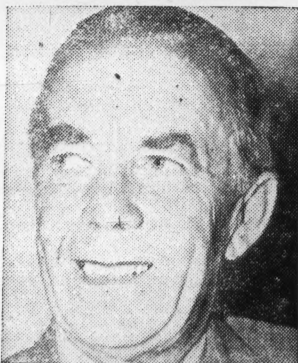
Veterinary questions sent in by paid-up subscribers will be answered by our graduate veterinarian in this section, without charge.

Afterbirth Retained

H.S., Warburg.—Please advise what causes cows to retain the afterbirth when coming fresh. This spring all my cows (five head) did this. They are in good flesh and appear normal otherwise. Please advise the cause also if any treatments before next calving.

Ans.—Exactly what the cause is we do not know with certainty, except that sometimes it may be due to Bangs disease and sometimes to mineral deficiency. There is no known treatment. Would advise having your cows tested for Bangs disease.

Palestine Mediator



Count Folke Bernadotte, president of the Swedish Red Cross and nephew of King Gustaf V, was named United Nations mediator for Palestine, at Lake Success, N.Y.

west, new oil fields are "coming in". Vast deposits of gas are being tapped—for heat and power and gasoline. These mineral resources can serve many times our present 2 1/2 million Western Canadians. (To be continued)

Mutual Assistance

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MEXICAN CROP OUTLOOK

The outlook for the Mexican wheat crop is unusually favorable if present estimates of 18 million bushels are sustained, production will be larger than for any recent year.

The population of India is now increasing at the rate of about 5,000,000 a year; in the last twenty years it rose by 83,000,000 to the present figure of 400,000,000.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada will hold a public meeting at 11:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1948, in the Board Room of the MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, MARINE BUILDING, VANCOUVER, B.C., to hear submissions regarding the maximum tariffs of elevator charges to be made by licensees of terminal elevators west of Calgary, Alberta, for the crop year ending 31st July, 1949, and any other related matters which may properly be brought before the Board at such time.

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Hello, Folks!

Postcard from Cynical Gus says that the lazy man aims at nothing and generally gets it.

Any married man, declares the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, will boast that he has the best mother-in-law in the country—provided she stays in the country.

REAL PLANNING

Mrs. James E. Elkus, vice-president of the Pittsburgh Planned Parenthood Clinic, gave birth to triplets. — News item. Oh, the Lord Elkus!

However, as we have more than once remarked in this column, three of a kind is a pretty good hand.

Yep, and our guess is that on this occasion it will also make a full house.

Just the same dad will have to be FLUSH in order to keep things STRAIGHT.

Down in Atlanta, south of here, the American Legion Post No. 1, expelled Homer B. Chase, former paratrooper, state organizer of the Communist party. That seems to be one time a veteran didn't hit a Homer. Or maybe they just told Homer to go and Chase himself.

MUSICALLY SPEAKING

Favorite song of the Federal Finance Minister: "Deep in the Heart of Taxes".

Barny Milstein reminds us that "man is the only animal that blushes or needs to." Aw G'wan Barny, ain't the dear gals animals?

Sure they are, chortles Chuck of Chuckawalla, most of them are little deers.

THIS IS TERRIBLE

A society woman rushed up to a famous instrumentalist after a concert and said: "I hear your wife has just given birth to twins. Isn't it wonderful! How do you feel?"

Promptly the musician replied: "Madam, I feel as though I had received two fees for one performance."

—Thex to Irving Hoffman.

L'il Goldilocks, our office vamp, tells us that she likes all her shoes large inside and small outside.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Just about now fly fishermen will begin turning up their noses at the guys who use worms for bait. They think flies are more hoity-toity. But our guess is that if worms cost two bits apiece, and you could dig up Royal Coachmen, Parmacheene Belles and Brown Hackles, out of the manure pile, they would think differently.

SPRING WIND

Heighho, here's the Spring wind,
Out of the mountains it comes,
With a sound like the beating of wings,
Or the rapid tattooing of drums.

Around my cottage it whirls in glee,
And shouts at the top of its voice:

"This is the time for gaiety,
Time for the earth to rejoice."

It whizzes the debris around,
around,
In a madcap manner and gay,
And then in a very flurry of sound,
It hurries itself away.

HOW ABOUT THE AITCH AND G?

H. L. Mencken, the "Sage of Baltimore", quotes a bit of doggerel, which he says describes the letter "R's" feeling about its treatment on the British radio:

O culcha'd rulahs of the aia,
Listen to my humble pray
There was a time when I knew
my place,
But lately I have fallen from
grace . . .
I used to be alive in modern,
But now I find it rhymes with
sodden . . .

Philosophy, declares our office cynic, is a study which enables us to be unhappy more intelligently.

News item says that in Victoria, B.C., the Canadian Red Cross Mobile Transfusion Clinic got some blood from A. Stone. Ah, well, the Red Cross has been doing things that other folks couldn't do for a long time now, more power to 'em.

On a visit from Edmonton, H.E.M. dropped in to inform us that a chap-erone is an old maid who never got

on the first team but she still wants to intercept a few passes.

And Bob Slym, than whom there is none other such which, comes out with the latest definition of a wolf: Sez he, It's an animal on two legs with a pair of eyes on two other legs.

IMPRESSION

There is a charm in this declining
eve
That strikes a latent chord with-
in my soul;
There is a magic spell in leaf
and bole
That only morning's fingers can
unweave:
Stories of field and forest inter-
leave
That book of passing hours which
tells my role
In this, the haunt of lark and
oriole,
Where I know bliss that man
can scarce conceive.

The sun goes down. A pale moon
rides the sky,
A pearl upon a silver brooch of
cloud.
Below, my delving thoughts seek to
redeem
The wine-cast pearl of man's
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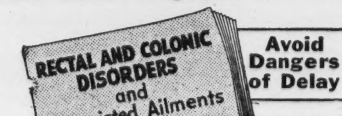
Till night draws close; and closer
draws the shroud
Of sleep. This night I stay
awake—and dream.
—H. D. Carrigan, Edmonton.

Nowadays, in meandering along Calgary's main stem, it's difficult to know whether the "new look" refers to the dresses of the sweet young things or their eyes.

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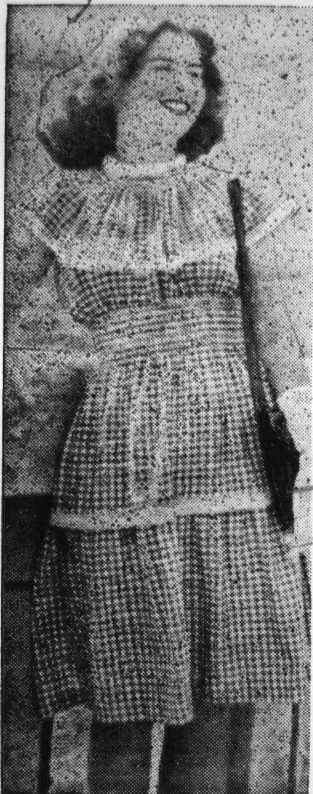


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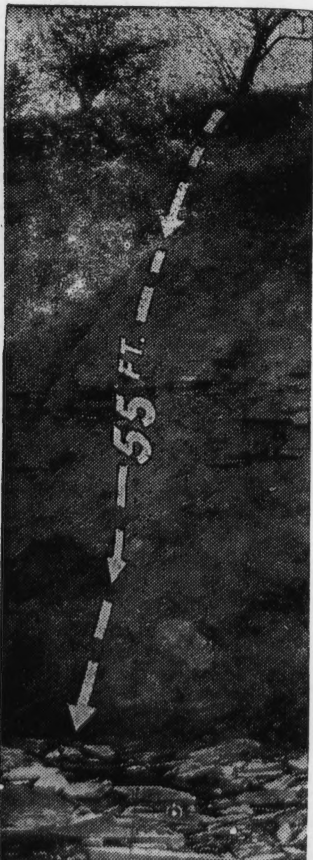
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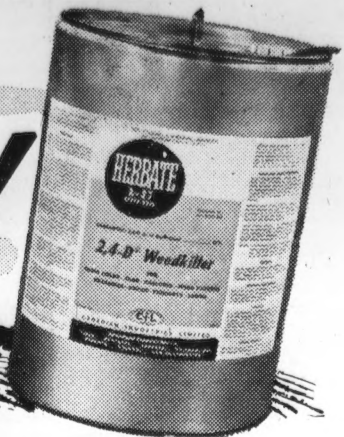


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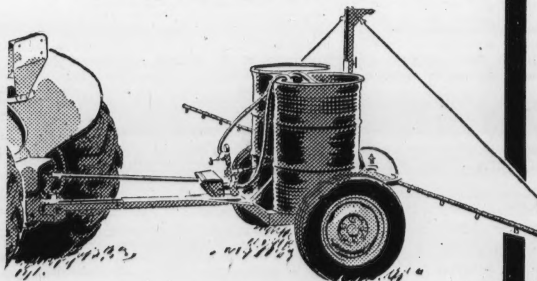
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